A True and Impartial Account of the cruel and bloody *MURTHER*, committed Upon the Body of

Thomas Thin, Esq;

On Sunday last, being the 12th of this present *February*, 1682. between the Hours of Seaven and Eight at Night, who was barbarously and inhumanely Butcher'd in his own Coach, in the open Street, by Three Out-landish Villains, Named,

Frederick Fratz, a *German* Captain; and *George Boroskie*, a *Polander*; and *John Stern*, a *German*.

Giving you an Exact Account how they were severally Examined before the *Councill*; who after their Examinations were all Three committed to *Newgate*. Together, with a *German* Doctor, who was supposed privy to the matter.

Letting you understand the cause of this *Assassination*; which they alledge was in the Vindication of

Count Charles John Conningsmarke;

Who hath sometime layn secretly about *London*; and upon the Murther committed, did privately remove from his Lodgings, thinking thereby to have Escaped beyond the Seas: But was accidentally taken at *Gravesend*, and afterwards Examined before King and Council: on the 20th of *Feb.* 1682. With many more things worth your Observation. As Namely,

A New *Discovery* made by the *Sweedish Ambassadour*, in *Councill*; how that the Tutor of the Young Count *Conningsmark* should ask him several Questions concerning the said Mr. *Thin*, very Material to this purpose, and whether if this Mr. *Thin* were removed, the *Count* could Lawfully Marry with the Lady *Oagle*.

Also, Another Relation of a *Minister* to the Councill concerning the agitations of this mischief, and what he heard at one Mr. *French's* House in *Panton*-Street, near the *Hay-Market*. With several matters of concern.

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Thomas Thimbled;

On Sunday last, being the 12th of this present February 1682. between the Hours of Seven and Eight at Night, who was barbarously and inhumanely Butcherd in his own Coach, in Sun-Street, by three Out-Ruffly Villains, Named,

Frederick Bratz, a *German* Captain; and *George Borowskie*, a *Polander*; and *John Stern*, a *German*.

Giving you an Exact Account how they were seven, also Examined before the *Council*; who after their Examination were all three committed to *Newgate*, Together, with a *German* Doctor, who was supposed privy to the matter.

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An Impartial Account of the bloody Murther, committed upon the body of Thomas Thin, *Esquire.*

THe inhumane Perpetrations of diabolical Assassinations, together with the Execrable impieties too frequently acted in this our age, may as well fill the hearts of the admiring Reader with astonishment, as the Story thereof with horror; it is now too often manifested, by many and too true Examples of this nature, that Satan hath now got more room in the secret Closets of many mens hearts, than hath been observed in times past, insomuch that here are daily seen and known, Murders of unparalell'd natures, as may be manifested by that of the worshipful Sir Edmundbury Godfrey, *now recorded by the memorable president of that worthy Gentleman* Thomas Thynn, *Esq; though possibly the Cause may be different.*

But now let us come to the matter we intend to insist upon, as being a subject worthy of as much observation as pity, and no less wonderful then shameful, that such Enormities should be perpetrated with such audacity, and animated with such Hellish fervency. Let me now give you an Impartial account of the lamentable Sequel. On *Sunday* the 12*th*, Instant, 1682, this worthy Gentleman deceased, by name *Thomas Thynn*, having been accompanied by, and honoured with the presence of his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth* the major part of the day, were about 7 or 8 of the Clock at night, returning to their respective Habitations, the Duke parting with the aforesaid Gentleman at a place which he thought convenient; before he came to the Habitation of the deceased, after many friendly farewels on both sides, this Squires Coach drave on, and coming to a place known by the name of *Pall-Mall*, near *Pickadilly*, his Servants perceived three persons on Horse-back riding towards the Coach, but not dreading any harm, took

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took little Cognizance of them, till on a ſudden riding up cloſe to the Coach, one of them fired (as is ſuppoſed a Blunderbus, or) a Muſquetoon into the Coach, which mortally wounded the ſaid Gentleman, and ſo amazed the Servants, that they knew not how to look one upon the other; but finding their Maſter wounded, made what haſt they could after theſe bloody-minded Wretches, crying, Murder, Murder; but they conſcious of their Hellish Fact, by the help of their Horſes got off without being taken, and as ſome ſay, crying, a Race, a Race, as they Rid; but yet the purſuit (though in vain that night) ceaſed not, for notwithſtanding the diligence of the Servants in ſearching and purſuing, no diſcovery could be made. This amazing and unwelcome News came at laſt, and in little time too, to the ear of his Sovereign Majeſty, who to ſhew his diſpleaſure againſt ſuch bloody and barbarous Cruelties, he immediately diſpatches Orders to the Sea-Ports for the ſtrict Examination of all perſons about to Tranſport themſelves beyond Sea, and alſo for a diligent ſearch to be made here in Town, hoping thereby to find out theſe baſe and wicked actors of this horrible Murder, but they accompanied with the horror of gnawing Conſciences, had as I ſuppoſe, lodged themſelves ſecurely from the eye of the world, but the All-ſeeing eye of the Almighty, which cannot be blinded, nor will be Hood-winkt, quickly by the means of the ſucceſsful Searchers, diſcovered theſe Villains, whoſe cruelties are to be admired, and whoſe rewards will doubtleſs in little time be awarded for them. After they had by the help of ſome Informations, been traced even to their own Lodgins, and being ſeized, they were all found to be Out-landiſh Men, and were on Munday morning following, brought before the Council, who were aſſembled in great number for that very purpoſe; ſo then the Metropolitan or chief of them being Examined about the Premiſes, he ſeemed nothing diſmay'd, nor endeavoured by any Evaſions to ac-

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quit himself of his Butchery, but with admired impudence acknowledged the thing, and confessed the Fact: Then being Examined what he was, he answered that he was a *German* born, and that his name was *Fratz*, or as some say *Uratz*; and added also, that he was a Captain of Foot: He also confessed that he had received many remarkable favours from the Count *Charles John Conningsmark*, and his Family, which obliged him not only to accompany him in his Travels, but also to vindicate him (when affronted) to the utmost of his power, asserting that the deceased had bestowed many gross affronts upon the said Count, which sorely vexed and tormented his ingaged Soul, and for these causes resolved to take satisfaction of him (in this barbarous manner as is supposed,) being informed that the said Mr. *Thynn* was gone out in his Coach, (the Devil who still is the chief animater of such bloody mischiefs) put him in mind that then might be an opportune season to affect his Diobolical design, in order thereunto he took Horse, accompanied only with one friend and a Servant which he had, who was provided with a Musquetoon, themselves being well armed with Swords and Pistols: He also alledgeth, that at their meeting of the Coach near or at *Pall-Mall*, he rid up to the Coach, bidding the Coach-man stand, with an intent to have fought the said Mr. *Thynn*, but that his Servant being a *Polander* and a stranger (perhaps as much to humanity as to) his Language, not rightly understanding what he said, discharging the Musquetoon into the Coach, shot him into the Belly, (some say with four, and some say with) five Bullets, but be it four or five, this worthy Gentleman lost his dear life thereby, to the great lamentation of many, and admiration of the whole City and Country that have heard of this mishap.

This being with great Impudence confessed to the Council, he was ordered to withdraw out of the Council-Chamber, which being done, the Servant before mentioned was called in and Examined, who very audaciously denyed all and every

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particular, but being Confronted with his Master, he then confessed that he was but newly arrived in *England*, and that as last Friday being the 19th. Instant, he came from *Dam* in *Pomeren*, and was become Servant to Captain *Fratz*; adding, that as he was his Servant, he thought he was thereby obliged to obey his orders, and perform his comand, and that accordingly he took Horse with him, and so meeting with this Gentleman in his Coach, he saith his Master bid him fire, which in obedience to his commands he did, by which means he not only deprived this Gentleman of his life, but also hath brought his own into such jeopardy, that I hardly think he will go again into his own Country to boast of this abominable Murder.

A Third person being Examined, acknowledged himself to be a *Swede* by Birth, and that his Name was *John Stern*, having been formerly a Lieutenant in *Flanders*, alledging that his coming into *England* was to get imployment, and accidentally became acquainted with the aforesaid Captain *Fratz*, not above a week ago, and that at the request of the said Captain he accompanied him abroad on Sunday, and that the said Captain discovered to him that he had a Quarrel against a Gentleman, and that he was resolved to fight him: He also saith, That he was not by when the Musquetoon was discharged, but was about twenty paces behind the Coach, which might be and he nevertheless necessary to the thing; So the Council having deliberated well upon the matter, they were all three committed to *Newgate*, in order to their Tryal. Likewise a *German* Doctor in whose house this Captain *Fratz* was taken, it being strongly supposed that he was privy to the Design: And besides all this, His Majesty out of his great care of, and tender love to his Loyal Subjects, hath caused several other persons to be examined before the Council concerning this most horrible and bloody Murder, by which means the evil design against the deceased is more and more manifested,

fested, notwithstanding the great pretences and subtile Suggestions made by the said Captain *Frasz*, and I doubt not but in a very little time to give you a more punctual and positive account of the Punctilio's, for it already begins to savor of design, and that the Murder was absolutely determined upon, and is greatly suspected to be hatched and contrived by the above-mentioned Count *Charles John Coningsmark*, who hath concealed himself in Town, under a false name about a Fortnight, and upon the Murther committed upon the body of Mr. *Thynn*, hath secretly and suddenly removed from his Lodging, which seems to be an Argument of his conspiracy, he removing the very next morning after the perpetration of this Wickedness.

On *Wednesday* Night last, several persons were brought before the Council, where the *Swedish* Embassadour attested that the Tutor to the young *Count*, asked him, whether if the Squire were removed, if the *Count* might according to the Laws of *England*, Marry with the Lady *Dagle*, which is a seeming Symptome that they intended a speedy removal, who being sent for before the Council, confessed that the *Count* was in *England*, and that he had been here three Weeks, and that he drank with him on *Sunday* Night; and some say also, that the Gun which shot Mr. *Thin*, is produced; and that it was made on purpose for that wicked design.

On *Fryday, Febru.* the 17*th*. A Minister attended the Council in order to a further Discovery, where he related to their Lordships, that the Night before he being in company with some Persons at Mr. *French* his House, a Taylor, in *Panton*-Street, near the *Hay-Market*; he heard that there were Three Out-landish Gentlemen in *Westminster*, who kept themselves very private, so that what they or their Names were the said Mr. *French* could not tell, but one had more respect then the other; the *Minister* had order to summon Mr. *French* and his Maid to attend the Council, which was accordingly done,

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they there acknowledged what the Maids had before said; whereupon they were sent to view the persons committed, and whether they were the persons before-mentioned or not; the account given to the Committee appointed to take the report we are not yet certain of, but hope with speed to inform you the Truth.

A True Account of the Discovering and Apprehending of Count Conningsmark; Together with the place and manner of his being taken.

ON Sunday the Nineteenth of this present *February*, one of the deceased Esquires Gentlemen, Mr. *Gibbons*, Servant to his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth*, and one of his Royal Highnesses Water-men, being at *Graves-end* to inquire after any Strangers that might be about the Town; and as they were going over the Bridge in the Evening, they met with *Conningsmark*, very much disguised; for being a very Gentile person, wearing his own Hair, which is of a curious light colour, he had put himself into a very mean ordinary kind of riding Garb, and a very black Perriwig; but notwithstanding this disguise, some of them presently knew him, and seized upon him, and this morning brought him to *White-Hall*, in order to his being Examined by the King and Council. To some Gentlemen that have talked with him, he confidently denies his being any way concerned in Esquire *Thynne* Murther, and tells many ridiculous Stories concerning his being private in Town sometime before the Murther, and of his going disguised out of Town so soon as the Murther was perpetrated. It is said, when they met him upon the Bridge at *Graves-end*, he wore not his Sword by his side, but carried it in his hand, and that upon their laying hold of him, he dropt his Sword out of his hand: whether this accident proceeded from his Gilt, or not, we must leave time to determine. When he was brought to *White-Hall*, he was carried into Mr. *Jones's* Cellar, in *Scotland-Yard*, where abundance of people to see him, whereupon Orders were given to shut up the Gates of *Scotland-Yard*, to prevent the too great concourse of people. He came not to *White-Hall* in the disguise wherein he was taken, but in a very brisk Gentile Garb, and his own Hair.

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